

# The Constitutional Convention Conflicting Plans to the Great Compromise



Location: PHILADELPHIA, PA  
Number of Delegates: 55

George Washington	James Madison	Gouverneur Morris	Ben Franklin	Alexander Hamilton
NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION	“LITTLE JEMMY” MOST PREPARED DELEGATE  “FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION”	ACTUALLY WROTE THE CONSTITUTION  EDITED THE PREAMBLE TO SAY “WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES”	OLDEST AND WISEST MAN IN THE ROOM  CARRIED TO MEETINGS IN A SEDAN CAR BECAUSE OF GOUT	ONLY PRESENT FOR ONE AND A HALF MONTHS OF THE FOUR MONTHS

**Virginia Plan**

Proposed by EDMUND RANDOLPH of VIRGINIA

Called for a STRONG national government with 3 branches

- ▶ LEGISLATIVE
- ▶ EXECUTIVE
- ▶ JUDICIAL

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Consists of 2 houses:  
BOTH based on POPULATION

vs.

**The Great Compromise**  
in the  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
**2 Houses**

Upper House:  
**Senate**  
Each state has two Senators/votes regardless of its size

Lower House:  
**House of Representatives**  
Representation is based on population

**New Jersey Plan**

Proposed by WILLIAM PATERSON of NEW JERSEY

Called for a STRONG national government with 3 branches

- ▶ LEGISLATIVE
- ▶ EXECUTIVE
- ▶ JUDICIAL

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Consists of 1 house:  
based on EQUAL REPRESENTATION

**Constitution Day!**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 1787**

(RHODE ISLAND was the last state to sign )



Brings up another issue:  
SLAVERY

Solution:  
THREE-FIFTHS COMPROMISE

**Who can vote?**

1. MALE
2. WHITE
3. OVER 21
4. PAYS TAXES & OWNS LAND